



Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting
Marion County Growth Services – Training Room
2710 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, FL 34470
& Virtual Meeting via WebEx
1:00 PM

MINUTES

Members Present:

Joseph London
Michelle Shearer (*joined meeting at 1:14pm*)
Richard McGinley
Paul Marraffino
Andrea Lemieux
Steve Rudnianyn (*joined meeting at 1:10pm*)

Members Not Present:

Clark Yandle
David Dinkins
Suzanne Mangram
Travis Magamoll
Richard Howard

Others Present:

Rob Balmes, TPO
Liz Mitchell, TPO
Shakayla Irby, TPO
Derrick Harris, TPO
Anton Schauerte, TPO
Anna Taylor, FDOT

Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice-chair Richard McGinley called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and called the roll, there was not a quorum present. A quorum was present when Ms. Michelle Shearer joined the meeting at 1:14pm.

Item 2. Proof of Publication

Assistant TPO Director Derrick Harris stated the meeting had been published online to the TPO's website, as well as the City of Ocala, Belleview, Marion County, and Dunnellon's websites on September 8th, 2020. The meeting had also been published to the Star Banner news calendar, and the TPOs Facebook and Twitter pages.

Item 3A. Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP)

In collaboration with the Central Florida MPO Alliance (CFMPOA), the TPO had plans to potentially submit an updated list of regionally significant transportation priority projects in October that could qualify for Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) grant funding. As background, the purpose of TRIP was to encourage partnerships for transportation projects that were regionally significant. TRIP funds would be awarded by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and used to match local or regional funds up to 50% of the total project costs. TRIP served as a matching program to leverage investments in projects with substantial local/regional commitment.

In 2019, the TPO submitted one project for submission to the CFMPOA TRIP Priority list. The project was the NW 49th Street Interchange at I-75. Due to the significant local matching funds by Marion County and demonstrated commitment, FDOT awarded \$4.7 million in TRIP funding to the project, which was scheduled for construction in Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

Overall, successful TRIP projects demonstrated and/or required the following:

- Regional collaboration (three or more counties, multiple MPO's)
- Local funding commitment
- Committed state/local matching funds 50% or greater for project
- Supports and provides connectivity the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS)
- Supports movement of goods in rural areas
- Supports economic development in the region
- Identified as major priority in local plans

TPO staff sought to engage discussion with the committee to determine if there were specific projects to recommend to the TPO Board for inclusion into the TPO's 2020

CFMPOA regional TRIP list.

Mr. Balmes shared the selection of projects by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) which included the County Road 42 flyover and Marion Oaks Manor and County Road 484 from I-75 to SW 49th Avenue.

Mr. McGinley said that the projects suggested by the TAC were good ideas and also suggested another project, the 200 extension where it crossed over to Citrus County. The bridge was in a different district and there had been funding issues and no corporation from the adjacent district and county.

Mr. Balmes said that with TRIP funds regional cooperation and support was necessary.

The committee discussed the proposed projects made by the TAC.

Mr. Marraffino made a motion to accept the Transportation Regional Incentive Program list as recommended by the Technical Advisory Committee. Mr. Rudniansyn seconded, and the motion passed with a five to one vote with Ms. Shearer opposed.

Item 3B. TPO Fact Sheets

As part of the TPO's commitment to improving outreach to the public about the transportation planning process and the core documents and programs, Anton Schauerte presented the committee with newly developed fact sheets. The TPO planned to continue to add to the collection, including future topics such as transportation funding, safety and project development.

The following Fact Sheets were presented:

- Title VI, Nondiscrimination, & Civil Rights 101
- Public Involvement and the Transportation Planning Process
- What is the Transportation Improvement Program?
- What is the List of Priority Projects (LOPP)?
- What is the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)?

Item 4A. Cost Feasible Plan (CFP)

Assistant Director, Derrick Harris presented the Cost Feasible Plan and said the TPO had spent the majority of the summer inquiring from the public about what projects and/or improvements were needed on transportation facilities as part of the 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update. Transportation needs were analyzed against the available revenues. The list had come out of the analysis known as the Cost Feasible Plan (CFP). The CFP was essentially the heart of the LRTP, as it listed which projects in the area could reasonably be funded over the life of the plan, and which revenue source would be available to fund those projects.

Mr. Harris said there were three (3) main parts to the CFP and they were as follows:

- Boxed funds – The category allowed the TPO to group similar projects like ITS, Corridor Studies, and Multimodal projects, which wouldn't otherwise be cost feasible as an all-inclusive list, but allowed the TPO to ensure the group of projects could be submitted for any potential funding or grants that could be available in the future. This was essentially a workaround to ensure all of these projects could be eligible for funding. Otherwise, the TPO would have to demonstrate cost feasibility for each individual project, therefore eliminating a great majority of these projects from being eligible for federal funding.
- Federal/State – was exactly as the title implies, projects which were either on a US/State corridor or were being funded with federal/state funds. One important point with the category, only 15% could be utilized on non-state highway system corridors. Therefore, a majority of the projects must be on the state highway system to be eligible for this category of funding.

The 15% of funding didn't take into consideration the boxed funds category.

Therefore, any project submitted from the boxed funds category as part of the TPO's List of Priority Projects (LOPP) annual process, would reduce what will be available from the non-state highway system projects on the list.

- Local – Again, this category is exactly as the title implies, projects which were local in nature or not a part of the state highway system, and were being funded with local revenue. The category was not actually a part of the CFP, but were included for illustrative purposes only. Projects on this list were being funded with both gas tax revenue and impact fees at the county level. When analyzing the local revenue TPO staff and the TPO's consultant didn't analyze any local municipal revenue for either impact fees or gas tax revenue, only at a county level.

Therefore, the TPO defaulted to the Marion County Office of the County Engineer to help ensure the TPO were accurately reflecting their needs.

The CFP was first presented to the LRTP Steering Committee in August and the TPO made revisions based on feedback received from the committee. After the TPO presented the CFP as a DRAFT to both the Technical and Citizen Advisory Committees (TAC & CAC) and the TPO Board on September 22nd. Then, the list would be revised according to the feedback from the TAC, CAC and TPO Board before including it in the DRAFT Adoption Document which would be presented in October.

Ms. Shearer said that the 95th Street Interchange project needed to be removed from the list and take the funding for the project and give to Pennsylvania Avenue or another project. Ms. Shearer also mentioned project listing R25 from I-75 to 475A a new four lane. Ms. Shearer said there was no interchange there.

Mr. McGinley said there was a lot of traffic congestion in that area from schools.

Ms. Shearer made a motion to remove R25 and Mr. Marraffino seconded, and the motion declined with a two to three vote with Mr. London, Mr. McGinley, and Mr. Rudnianyn opposed. Ms. Lemieux did not fill comfortable voting until she had more time to reference the projects.

Mr. McGinley suggested to table the discussion on the agenda item until the next meeting.

Mr. Rudnianyn made a motion to approve the Cost Feasible Plan (CFP). Mr. Marraffino seconded, and the motion passed with a four to one vote with Ms. Shearer opposed. Ms. Lemieux did not fill comfortable voting until she had more time to reference the projects.

Mr. Harris said that he would put the agenda item (CFP) back on the agenda for the October meeting.

Item 4B. Roll Forward Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

When the TPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Work Program became adopted in July, there were cases in which some projects were not yet authorized. These projects, in addition to funding changes within other projects, "roll forward" automatically into the Work Program, but not in the TPO's TIP. Therefore, there was a need each year to reconcile the two documents.

The following highlighted the most notable project-specific changes, including funding:

- 4271882** - SUNTRAN/OCALA/MARION URBAN CAPITAL FIXED ROUTE FTA SECTION 5307-2009 – Additional \$14.6M
- 4106742** – SR 40 FROM END OF 4 LANES TO EAST OF CR 314 -Additional \$2.1M
- 4384301** - MARION-MARION CO AIRPORT HANGAR – Additional 1.7M
- 4336511** – CR 484 FROM SW 20TH AVENUE TO CR 475A - Additional \$1.3M
- 4317983** - NE 36TH AVENUE FROM NE 20TH PLACE TO NORTH OF NE 25TH STREET (Rail Capacity Project) – Additional 935K
- 4333041** - MARION-BLOCK GRANT OPERATING ASSIST FOR FIXED ROUTE SERVICE – Additional \$900K
- 4370171**- MARION-OCALA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS – Additional \$562K
- 4453771** - MARION OCALA SECTION 5339 SMALL URBAN CAPITAL – Additional \$350K
- 4392381** - SR 25/500/US441/ FROM SR 35/SE BASELINE RD TO SR 200/SW 10TH STREET (Resurfacing) – Additional \$279K
- 4336601** – US 441 @ SR 464 (Traffic Ops Improvement) - Additional \$249K
- 4384281** - MARION AIRFIELD IMPROVEMENTS – Additional \$233K
- 4413661**- SR 40 FROM SW 27TH AVE TO MLK JR. AVE (Safety Project) - Additional \$195K
- 4261791** - SILVER SPRINGS STATE PARK PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES – Additional \$157K
- 4373441** – SR 200/SW COLLEGE ROAD FROM E OF SW 60TH AVE TO E OF SW 38TH COURT (Resurfacing) - Additional \$124K

Mr. Rudnianyn made a motion to approve the Roll Forward TIP. Mr. Marraffino seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5. Consent Agenda

Mr. Marraffino made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Rudnianyn seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 6. Comments by FDOT

Ms. Anna Taylor with the FDOT filling in for Vickie Wyche said there were no comments and the construction report had been provided.

Item 7. Comments by TPO Staff

There were no comments by TPO Staff.

Item 8. Comments by CAC Members

There were no comments by CAC members.

Item 9. Public Comment

There was no public comments.

Item 10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Vice - Chair McGinley at 2:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shakayla Irby, TPO Administrative Assistant